



# Young Writers Workshop



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## Purpose

This program is a week-long, intensive, and immersive program in creative writing for high school students. It takes place during the summer of the 10th or 11th grade years. The program is free to anyone who is accepted and admissions to the program are based on writing samples. This means that grades, gender, and socioeconomic class play no part in the selection.

## Impact

Artistic Director Michelle Herman works with a staff of The Ohio State University faculty, graduate MFA alumni, and current graduate students. There are also sessions with visiting writers, songwriters, playwrights, and journalists.

The students get to attend daily workshops to help improve their craft as well as more specialized workshops in other areas such as writing for TV, playwriting, or songwriting.

Participants in the YWW work with both graduate students in Creative Writing at The Ohio State University as well as creative writers from around the country. The YWW is in its sixth year. Nearly 200 Columbus City School students have participated in the program.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**  
Department of English  
Creative Writing  
MFA

**Community Partners Involved**  
Columbus City Schools  
Columbus Public Charter Schools